



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

Ted Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lt. Governor
Chris Korleski, Director

Re: Ashland County
Ashland County Road 500
Construction
Storm Water

August 13, 2010

Mr. Edward Meixner
Ashland County Engineer
1511 Cleveland Avenue
Ashland, Ohio 44805

Dear Mr. Meixner:

On July 20, 2010, Sarah Clement inspected Ashland County Road 500 at Vermilion River in Ruggles Township. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate compliance of the site with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for storm water discharges associated with construction activity, Facility ID No. 2 GC02626*AG. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. Ohio EPA has no record of other permittees for this site. As a result of the inspection, your site may be eligible for termination of your NPDES permit.

It appears that construction activities at Ashland County Road 500 are complete. The road had been repaved and the disturbed land had been seeded and straw was laid down. Accordingly, a Notice of Termination (NOT) must be filed to relieve you of the obligation to comply with this general permit. An NOT may be filed if one or more of the following conditions have been met:

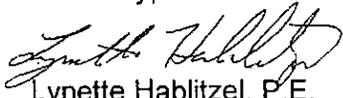
- Final stabilization has been achieved on all portions of the site for which the permittee is responsible. Final stabilization means that either:
 1. All soil disturbing activities are complete on the site and a uniform perennial vegetative cover of at least 70% density has been established over the entire site. All temporary erosion and sediment controls have been removed, properly disposed of, and all trapped sediment has been permanently stabilized; or
 2. For construction projects on land used for agricultural purposes, final stabilization may be accomplished by returning the disturbed land to its pre-construction agricultural use. If not returned to its pre-construction agricultural use, the land must meet the final stabilization criteria above.
- Another operator(s) has assumed control over all areas of the site that have not been fully stabilized.

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At this time your site does not meet all the above criteria. A uniform perennial vegetative cover has not been established across the entire site. When a 70% growth density is achieved, you will be eligible to file a Notice of Termination (NOT). This form can be found on our website: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx>. NOTs must be filed with Ohio EPA's Central Office within 45 days of when the above criteria are met.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3009.

Sincerely,



Lynette Hablitzel, P.E.
Division of Surface Water
Storm Water Program

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